the intelligent and the leading public look facts in the face and strive at with a zealous and dispassionate mind.

CRANGANUR.

14. Sir, I shall also make a brief reference to the Cranganur Budget before resuming my seat.

The actuals of 1111 relating to the Cranganur Principality left us with a large deficit of Rs. 0·77 of a lakh, the receipts and expenditure having been Rs. 1·80 lakhs and Rs. 2·57 lakhs respectively mainly due to the charge contribution that had to be made to the Palace for the purpose of wiping off the advances made to the Palace Fund.

The budget estimate for the current year was prepared on the basis of a total income of Rs. 1·98 lakhs and an expenditure of Rs. 2·25 lakhs resulting in a deficit of Rs. 0·27 lakh. According to the revised estimate we anticipate an income of Rs. 2·06 lakhs—a slight improvement on our original forecast and an expenditure of Rs. 2·25 lakhs thereby reducing the budgetted deficit to Rs. 0·19 lakh.

For the coming year we anticipate a revenue of Rs. 1·99 lakhs and programme for an expenditure of Rs. 2·23 lskhs thus leaving us again a deficit of Rs. 0·24 lakh. In spite of all our endeavours it is found practically impossible to prepare a balanced budget for this Principality. Financially autonomous though Cranganur is, her resources are too small to enable her to stand on her own legs. Consisting only of a group of five small villages Cranganur has to maintain all the emblems of individual existence beyond her means. As a result we find overselves faced with deficits every year notwithstanding the liberal contribution we are making for establishment charges and other numerous measures. The question is again engaging the anxious consideration of the Government.

15. Sir, before resuming my seat, I have to thank the members of the Standing Finance Committee who have subjected the Budget to a searching scrutiny and made valuable suggestions in the course of the discussions.

The House rose for the day at 3-55 p. m.

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Secretary to the Council.

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